Financial Assistance to Punjab

2105. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government had sought any financial assistance for implementation of programmes in the State during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in this respect and the steps taken thereon by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Punjab had sought financial assitance for their plans in terms of morotorium on repayment of loan, special plan loan and also assistance for specific projects for mobile dental clinic vans and infrastructural development. Besides the normal central plan assistance, the Government of Punjab was given Rs. 939 crores in 1993-94 and Rs. 600 crores in 1994-95 as special plan loans. Further an amount of Rs. 1.34 crore was sanctioned for the mobile dental clinic vans and Rs. 5 crores for special infrastructural scheme for the State in 1994-95.

Request for more Central Assistance from States

2106. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have made any request to increase the Central Assistance for their projects during the financial year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c). Almost all the Chief Ministers/ Governors of States requested Deputy Chairman. Planning Commission in the Plan discussions as well as during the course of the year for additional Central assistance for their specific projects and problems under the criterion of Special Problems of the formula approved by the National Development Council in December 1991. Their requests have been considered and allocations of Central assistance made of the States. Gross allocations of formula based assistance (including allocations made under special problems) for the comparable States (Non-Special Category) are indicated in the Statement attached.

Statement

Gross allocations of Central (Formula based) Assistance: 1994-95-Non-Special Category states*

States	(Rs. Crores)
1. Andhra Pradesh	747.50
2. Bihar	957.31
3. Goa	50.34
4. Gujarat	2871.55
5. Haryana	198.71
6. Karnataka	308.15
7. Kerala	384.88
8. Madhya Pradesh	567.03
9. Maharashtra	460.24
10. Orissa	379.90
11. Punjab	169.26
12. Rajasthan	438.51
13. Tamil Nadu	654.14
14. Uttar Pradesh	1293.80
15. West Bengal	524.64
TOTAL:	7415.96

*Including under Special Problems.